Modernisation of Textile Industry

167. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has estimated that Rs. 1500 crores would be required for the modernisation of textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the mills, powerlooms and Handlooms sector-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this amount for modernisation could not be made available by Government so far;

(d) whether Government have proposed that the textile units should mobilise the funds themselves for their development;

(e) if not, the details in this regard; and

(f) the total amount provided to the various Textile Mills in the Powerloom and Handloom sectors separately, since March 1993 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No. sir.

(e) In pursuance of Textile Policy of 1985, Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme was created by Industrial Development Bank of India during the 7th Five Year Plan by earmarking a sum of Rs. 750 crores to meet the modernisation requirement of textile mills. Ministry of Textiles had proposed continuance of the scheme in the 8th Plan with enhaned amount of Rs. 1500 crores which has not been agreed to.

"(f) As on 31.3.93 an amount of Rs. 877.74 crores has been disbursed to mills in 307 cases under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme.

Jute Production

168. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the actual production of jute textiles/bags separately for the last three years and how does it compare with the demand from the user industries like foodgrains, sugar, cement, urea, phosphatic fertilisers etc.;

(b) what was the jute crop production during the same period;

(c) whether it was sufficient to meet the growing demand of the jute packaging materials; if not the shortfall being met; and

(d) what were the compulsions for permitting such imports when alternate indigenous and more efficient packaging material i.e. HDPE woven sacks were available in abundance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed *(See below).*

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.